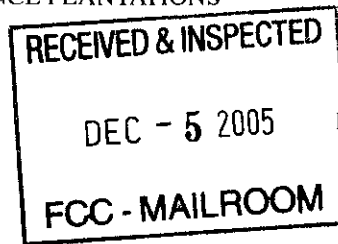




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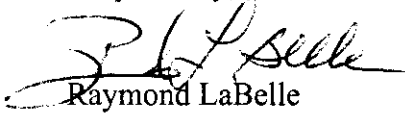
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445 12th Street, S.W.
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Re: WT Docket No. 05-286 – Sprint Nextel request for waiver of GPS handset penetration requirement

Dear Ms. Dortch, please append the attached letter to the Sprint/Nextel petition and file relative to the above referenced matter.

Respectfully,

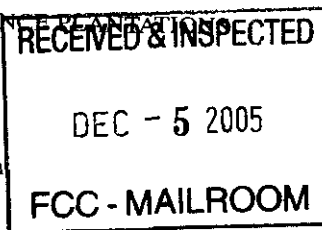

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Dear Honorable Commissioners:

This letter is proffered by RI E 9-1-1 on behalf of Sprint/Nextel relative to the above referenced matter. I respectfully request that this letter be placed in the file for review and consideration by the Federal Communications Commission when the Commission hears this Sprint/Nextel matter. RI E 9-1-1 feels that it would be remiss if it were silent on an issue of this magnitude. If appropriate and allowed under your rules of procedure please consider this letter as written testimony (in this matter) from RI E 9-1-1.

By way of introduction and past history I offer the Commission the following information. The Uniform Emergency Telephone System Division of the Department of Administration, State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations (hereinafter RI E 9-1-1) is the sole Public Safety Answering Point (hereinafter PSAP) operating within the State of Rhode Island. Presently RI E 9-1-1 provides the citizens of Rhode Island with Enhanced 9-1-1 (hereinafter E 9-1-1) services. The provision, availability and ongoing operation of the RI Enhanced 9-1-1 emergency services system is essential to the health and public safety of the citizens of this state.

RI E 9-1-1 applauds the Federal Communications Commission (hereinafter FCC) for its diligent efforts to expand and improve the 9-1-1 emergency systems across the country

and in particular for its oversight and advancement of wireless E 9-1-1 location technology. In Rhode Island, the implementation and development of E 9-1-1 location technology has allowed RI E 9-1-1 to transfer emergency calls to the local fire, police and/or rescue responders (hereinafter secondary responders) with greater speed and accuracy (thus assisting in our mission to save lives and property).

In the past, RI E 9-1-1 has partnered with both Sprint and Nextel (and other various wireless carriers) in implementing and advancing E 9-1-1 services within Rhode Island. The end result of this joint effort is the development of a statewide emergency Enhanced 9-1-1 system that better services the citizens of this state.

In RI E 9-1-1's past dealings with Sprint and Nextel, we have been impressed and grateful to both carriers for their steadfast commitment to the development and improvement of our E 9-1-1 emergency systems. Due in part to our past relationship and partnership with both Sprint and Nextel, we are confident that the new Sprint/Nextel joint entity will be every bit as concerned and proactive (as they were individually) with RI E 9-1-1 in the development and implementation of both present and future lifesaving E 9-1-1 location technology.

Both Sprint and Nextel have consistently kept RI E 9-1-1 informed and up-to-date relative to significant system developments, changes, improvements, updates and problems. By way of example, RI E 9-1-1 (in July, 2004) was timely informed and thereafter updated by Nextel relative to a software problem that affected their GPS enabled handsets.

Both Sprint and Nextel have shown an ongoing and consistent commitment to RI E 9-1-1 to assist us in operating, maintaining, upgrading and improving our E 9-1-1 emergency systems. Both were helpful and fully committed to RI E 9-1-1 when we instituted our E 9-1-1 (Phase II) services in October, 2001 and thereafter they have consistently maintained the same level of involvement and commitment.

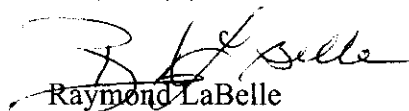
Both Sprint and Nextel and the new Sprint/Nextel joint entity have been actively and diligently involved in a unified and concerted effort by and between RI E 9-1-1 and the 9-1-1 emergency services industry in general, and in particular to the Enhanced 9-1-1 emergency services industry, in fostering a timely and orderly deployment of Phase II services.

It has come to our attention that Sprint/Nextel have encountered difficulties and therefore appear unable to presently and fully comply with the FCC's mandate of a ninety-five (95%) percent handset goal relative to E 9-1-1 deployment. Notwithstanding this fact, RI E 9-1-1 feels that the new Sprint/Nextel entity has made a meaningful and good faith effort to comply with this (FCC) requirement.

Therefore, based on the aforementioned history of the petitioner, RI E 9-1-1 respectfully requests that the FCC, in reviewing and adjudicating the pending petition, look favorably on the petition filed by Sprint/Nextel. This request is due in significant part to the fact

that Sprint/Nextel has continuously and fully cooperated and coordinated with RI E 9-1-1 in the development and implementation of our E 9-1-1 Phase II technology.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. LaBelle", written over the printed name.

Raymond LaBelle
Executive Director
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